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SUBJECT: REMY TEISSIER DU CROS NAMED AS FRENCH

AMBASSADOR TO REPUBLIC OF KOREA

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF REMY TEISSIER DU CROS AS FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

2. TEISSIER DU CROS WAS BORN IN 1920. FOLLOWING LAW STUDIES, HE STUDIED AT THE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION OVERSEAS. AS PART OF THIS COURSE HE STUDIED A WEST AFRICAN LANGUAGE (PEUL) AT THE SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL LANGUAGES. HE ENTERED THE FRENCH COLONIAL SERVICE IN 1946 AND SERVED IN AFRICA AND PARIS UNTIL 1958. IN 1950 HE WAS DETACHED FROM THE COLONIAL ADMINISTRATION TO SERVE AS HEAD OF CHANCERY AND THEN HEAD OF THE CONSULATE AT LAGOS (1950 - 1953). HE THEN RETURNED TO THE COLONIAL ADMINISTRATION. IN 1958 HE WAS INTEGRATED INTO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND IN 1960 HE WAS POSTED TO LOME WHERE HE SERVED AS FIRST SECRETARY UNTIL 1962. RETURNING TO PARIS, HE COVERED AFRICAN - MIDDLE EASTERN AFFAIRS UNTIL 1966 WHEN HE WAS NAMED CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TO LAGOS, REOPENING THE FRENCH MISSION TO NIGERIA.

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LATER THAT YEAR HE BECAME COUNSELLOR OF EMBASSY AT THE

SAME POST. IN 1968, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS SECTION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHERE HE FOLLOWED BILATERAL ACCORDS. HE WAS NAMED DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR BILATERAL ACCORDS IN 1974. HE HAS THE RANK OF COUNSELLOR FIRST CLASS IN THE FRENCH FOREIGN SERVICE. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH.

3. TEISSIER DU CROS WAS MARRIED AT ONE POINT TO AN AMERICAN WOMAN WHOM HE DIVORCED IN 1960. HE NOW HAS A YOUNGER FRENCH WIFE. THE QUAI BELIEVES THAT HIS CHILDREN BY HIS FIRST MARRIAGE WILL SPEND MOST OF THEIR TIME IN FRANCE.

4. INFORMATION IN EMBASSY FILES DATING FROM 1969 INDICATES THAT TEISSIER DU CROS WAS VERY FRIENDLY WITH AMERICANS AND HELD STRONG PRO-WESTERN VIEWS. THERE WERE ALSO SUGGESTIONS THAT, AS OF 1969 AT LEAST, HIS ECONOMIC BACKGROUND WAS SOMEWHAT SUPERFICIAL. WHILE NOT VERY FORTHCOMING, QUAI HINTED THAT HE WAS NOT CONSIDERED ONE OF THE QUAI'S MOST BRILLIANT REPRESENTATIVES.  
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